

H. C. Burleigh Papers

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A true copy of the affidavit of David Parke,  
as filed among the Records of the Surrogate  
Court of the Midland District

"Isaac Fraser" Reg'r.  
Mid. Dis. Sur. Court.

IN THE SURROGATE COURT OF THE MIDLAND DISTRICT.

David Parke of the Township of Fredericksburgh---Maketh oath and says that he verily believes the annexed Will to be the last Will and Testament of Cyrenius Parke late of the Township of Fredericksburgh deceased. That he will pay all the debts and legacies of the deceased as far as the GOODS shall extend, and the law shall bind him that he will well and truly administer according to law. That he will exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Register's office of the Surrogate Court, for the Midland District, on or before six Calendar months from the date hereof, a just and perfect inventory of all and singular the GOODS, CHATTELS, and Credits, which were of the said deceased. And that he will render a true account of his administration when he shall be lawfully called upon so to do.

Sworn before me at Adolphustown this first day of November 1828

signed Alex Fisher  
Surrogate

signed David Parks

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A true copy of the last will & Testament of  
Cyrenius Parke of the Township of Fredericks-  
burgh in the Midland District, as filed among  
the Records of the Midland District Surrogate  
Court----- Isaac Fraser  
Reg'r Mid. Dis;  
Surrogate Court.

In the Name of God Amen, I Cyrenius Parke of the Township of Fredericksburgh in the Counties of Lenox and Addington in the Midland District in the Province of Upper Canada, Yeoman, being of sound mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make publish and declare, this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Parke all my Goods & Chattels while she remains my widow, and should she marry she is to have only, two Cows one feather bed and bedding, one trunk of wearing apparel, and household furniture sufficient to keep house with, and fifty pounds in lawful money. I also do Give and devise unto my Son Nathaniel Parke his heirs and assigns forever, four hundred acres of land, being composed of lots number Eighteen and Nineteen, in the tenth Concession of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings in the Midland District aforesaid; I also Give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Jorshe the sum of five shillings Sterling-- I also Give unto my son Joseph Parke five Shillings Sterling-- also I Give unto my son Archibald Parke five Shillings Sterling, I also Give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth McCabe five Shillings Sterling--also I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Clarinda Parke five Shillings Sterling. I also Give unto my son John Parke five Shillings Sterling. I also Give and bequeath unto my son Cyrenius Parke Jun'r five Shillings Sterling. I also Give unto my son James Parke five Shillings Sterling. I also Give and bequeath unto my Grandson Martin Shuman five Shillings Sterling. I also Give and devise unto my daughter Hannah Forsh the west half of lot number four in the third concession of the Township of Richmond containing one hundred acres of land, more or less, to her and heir and assigns forever. I also Give and devise unto my daughter Susannah Parke her heirs and assigns forever the East half of lot number four in the third Concession of the Township of Richmond in the Midland District. I also devise and Give unto my two youngest sons David Parke and Milo Parke their heirs and assigns forever, all and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate lying and being in the Township of Fredericksburgh in the Midland District aforesaid, being composed of the west half of lot number five and lots number Six and Seven in the fourth Concession, western addition of the said Township of Fredericksburgh in the Midland District with the exception of twelve acres of land which I have conveyed to Cornelius Parke off the south east angle of the said half lot number five, and part of lot number Six thereon a saw mill now stands. To hold unto them the said David Parke and Milo





Parke, their heirs and assigns forever and by them to be equally divided, After the decease of my beloved wife their other; and lastly as to all the rest residue and remainder of my personal Estate, Goods and Chattels of what kind and nature soever, I Give and bequeath the same unto my beloved wife, Elizabeth Park for to divide amongst my three youngest children, (Namely) David Parke, Susanna Parke and Milo Parke. And I hereby appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Parke Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal the ninth day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty Eight

Signed, Sealed, Published  
and declared by the above  
named Cyrenius Park to be  
his last will and Testament  
in the Presence of us who  
have hereunto subscribed  
our names as witnesses in the  
presence of the Testator-----

(Signed)

Cyrenius Parke (L.S.)

(Signed) Ezekel Benson

(Signed) Peter Parks

(Signed) Cornelius Parke



In Cyrenius Parks' old Bible, a pretty well battered book bound in full calf and not quite as large as the Family Bibles as we know them in these days, is the following notation in his handwriting:

Cyrenius Parke - His Book

Bought at Kingston - Price 1 £ 10s

Bought January 10, 1793

Serve the Lord all ye hands.

And then follows a list of his children, of which there were twenty:

Cyrenius Parke - Born 22 Dec. 1754

Elizabeth Parke - Born 21 Dec. 1755

No record of wife's Family name or date of marriage

Their children as recorded,-

Nathanial Parke (7) born Apr. 21, 1776

Sarah Parke (7) born Dec.17, 1777

Cornelius Parke (7) born Apr.13, 1779

Joseph Parke (7) born May 27, 1780

James Parke (7) born Feb.10, 1782 (Died Infancy)

Deborah Parke (7) born Aug.6, 1783

Archibald Parke (7) born June 4, 1785

Elizabeth Parke (7) born Jan.10, 1788

Second Wife - Elizabeth Huffman - Born 1770

Their children,-

Clarinda Parke (7) born Oct.24,1790

John Parke (7) born Dec.14, 1791

Cyrenius Parke (7) born Sept.14,1793

James Parke (7) born Feb.27,1795

Mary Parke (7) born Oct.26,1798

Elias Parke (7) born Oct.26, 1798

David Parke (7) born Oct.25,1800

Charlotte Parke (7) born Dec.1, 1802

Hannah Parke (7) born Dec.22, 1804

David Parke (7) born Oct.21, 1807

Susanna Parke (7) born Apr.22, 1810

Mylo Parke (7) born Oct.2, 1812





Sons + Daughters of Loyalists

PARKS

Parkes, Cyrenius of Fredericksburgh  
wife Elizabeth

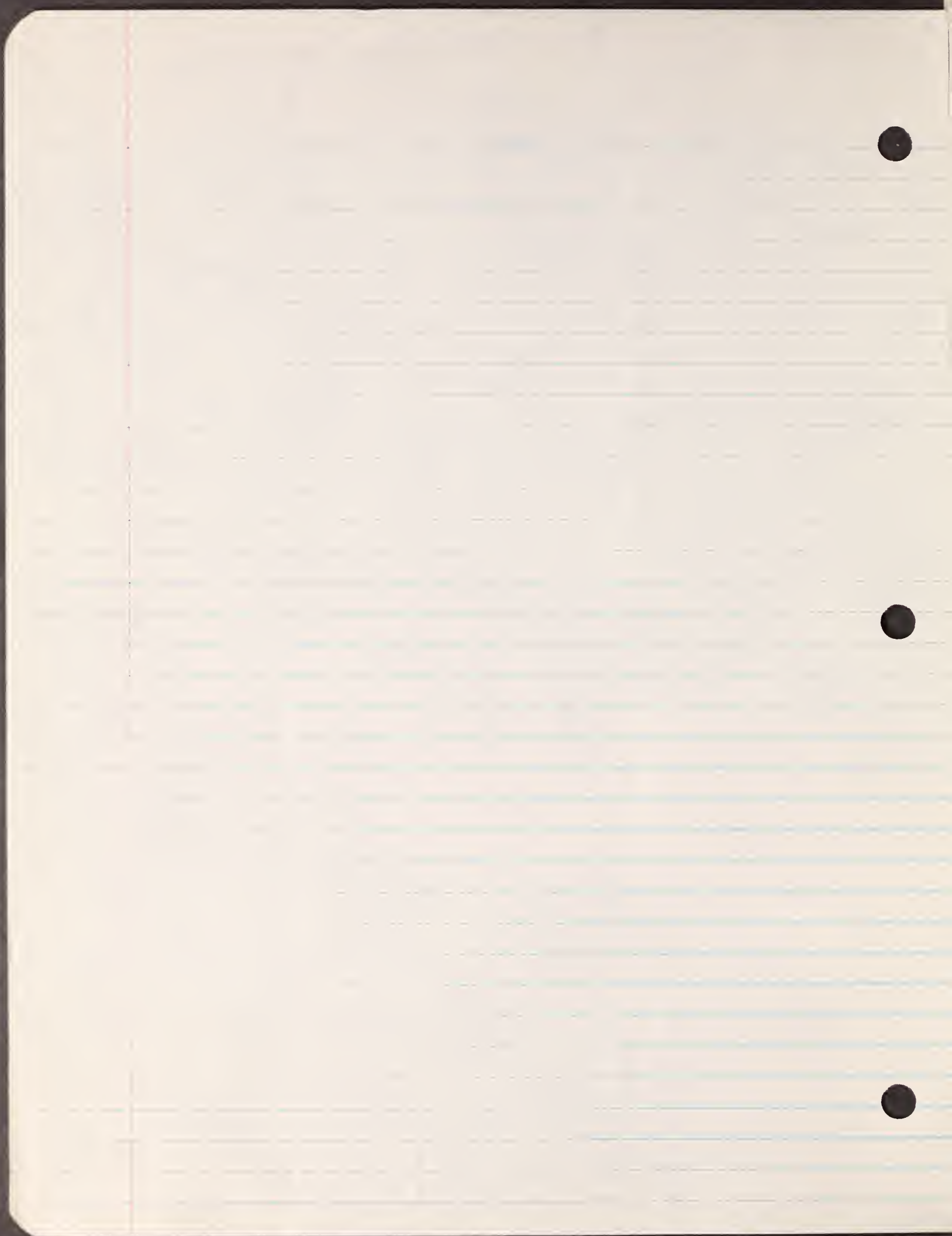
children

1. Elizabeth, m. Peter McCabe of Fredsbgh. O.C. 28. 4. 1807
2. Archibald of Fredsbgh O.C. 16 Feb 1810
3. Clarinda. bp. 27 Dec 1790 O.C. 13 Feb 1916
4. James of Fredsbgh bp. 30 June 1796. O.C. 18 Mar. 1818
5. Joseph of Shurlow m. Sarah O.C. 8 July 1801  
and 12 June 1834
6. Daniel of. Hamilton bp. 2 Feb 1801 O.C. 22 Apr 1831  
and 28 Oct 1835
6. John Cyrenius of Sheffield, bp. 23 Jan 1792  
O.C. 24 Jan 1828.
7. Cyrenius bp 6 Jan 1794
8. Elias of Fredsbgh. bp 4 Feb 1799. O.C. 7 March 1827.
9. Charlotte, bp. 31 Jan. 1803. m. — Huffman of  
Camden East. O.C. 12 Oct., 1841.
10. Hannah bp. 28 Jan 1805. m. — Forster of  
Richmond. O.C. 2 Oct 1834.
11. David of Fredsbgh, bp 16 Nov. 1807. O.C. 21 Mar 1831
12. Susanna, bp. 25 June 1810; m. — Watson of  
Richmond. O.C. 2 Oct 1834
13. Milo of Fredsbgh bp. 18 Jan 1813 O.C. 22 June 1834

Parkes, James of Fredsbgh m. Susannah, widow of Joseph  
Marsh, on 14 June 1789

children

1. Eunice, m. — Osborn of Elizabethtown. O.C. 23 Sep  
1800.
2. Nathaniel of Fredsbgh bp. 4 Mar., 1793. O.C. 13 Feb 1818  
and 2 April 1823.
3. Peter of Fredsbgh bp. 12 Jan 1795. O.C. 2 Apr 1823
4. Cornelius bp. 24 June 1800 O.C. 2 Apr. 1823,
5. Hannah, m. Amos Osborn of Town of Ira, Oswego,  
N.Y. Not rec. 9 Nov, 1837

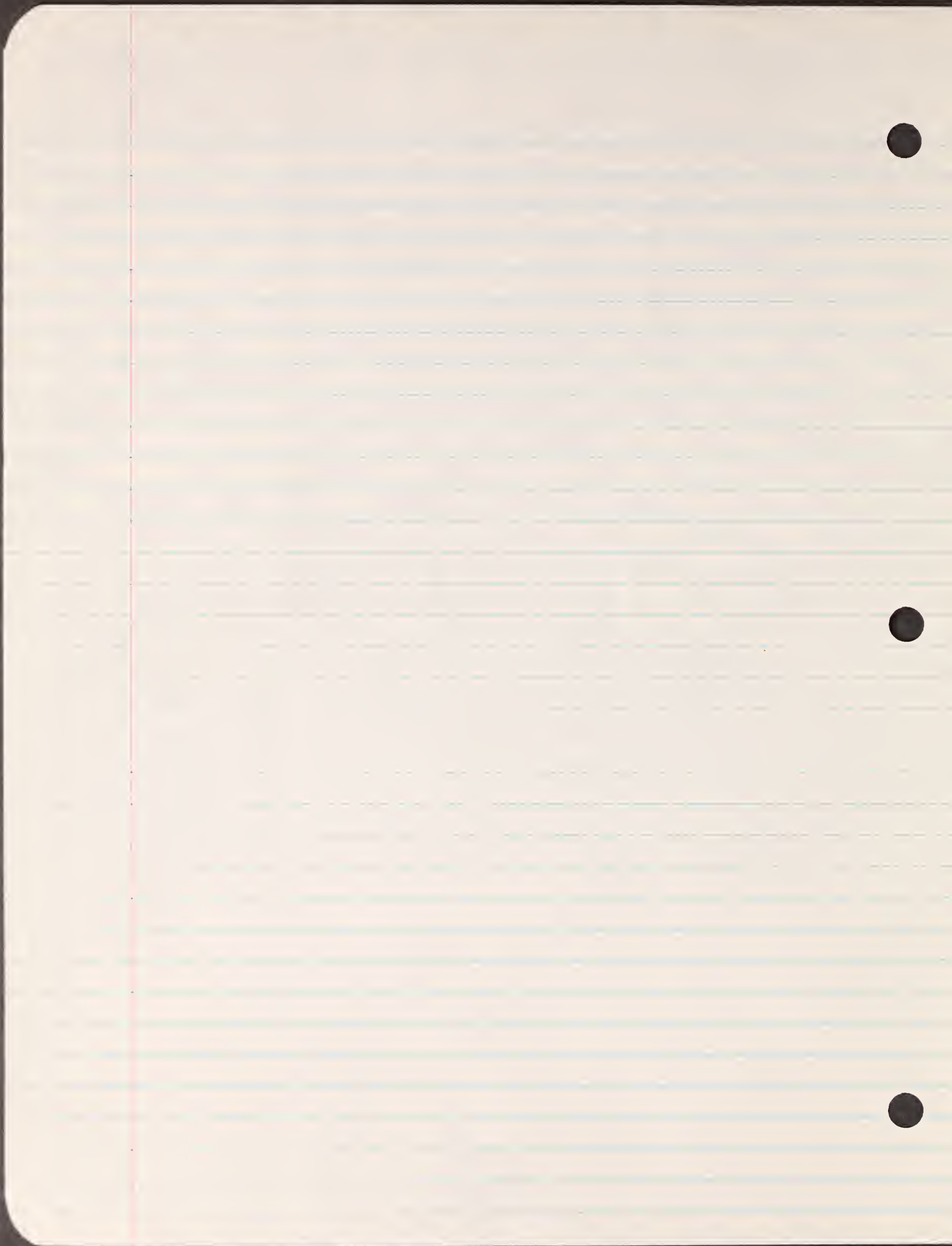


- 6 Mary, bp 23 Sept; 1805; m. — Huffman of  
Fredksbgh O.C. 10 March 1834
- 7 Sarah O.C. 10 March 1834.
- 8 William of Richmond, bp 29 Nov 1791. O.C. 30  
May 1834
- 9 Rachel, bp 6 Sept 1796,
- 10 Nathan, bp. 30 May, 1798
- 11 Elizabeth, bp. 24 May, 1802. m. Pelyat Antwater  
of Fredksbgh. O.C. 27 Nov 1834
- 12 Henry of Fredksbgh bp 25 Jan 1808 O.C. 3 Jan  
1833.

Pierks Nathaniel of Fredksbgh, m. Rebecca  
children

- 1 James of Fredksbgh, O.C. 19 March 1834
- 2 Sila (daughter) bp. 6 June 1809. O.C. 10 Mar. 1834
- 3 Cyrenus of Fredksbgh bp 12 Apr 1802 O.C. 2 Apr 1823
- 4 Elizabeth bp 7 October 1805







Milo Parke (7), the youngest son of Cyrenius, was born at Hay Bay October 2nd, 1812, and died at the same place Feb. 20, 1900, having lived all his life on the farm his father settled on. He was married to Bathsheba Lazier by the Rev. Philip Roblin on Feb. 11, 1834.

Though a man of very quiet and unpretending habits he occupied a very influential life for many of his active years. He was early appointed a Justice of the Peace and was a member of the township Council for several years, and represented the Township of North Fredericksburgh in the First County Council meeting held in Napanee on Sept. 10, 1863. In politics he was a sturdy old reliable of the Conservative Party. In the Methodist Church he was an elder and a trusty standby for two generations. He was noted in his quiet way for his liberality in all the works of his church, honoring the Lord with his substance, and it is not to be wondered at, therefore, that in business affairs he was always well prospered and enjoyed in the sundown of a life well spent, the satisfaction of seeing his sons successful and prosperous business men. His wife to whom he had been married 65 years survived him and died Sept. 3, 1901.

Their children,-

Rosetta E. Parks (8) born Dec. 11, 1834, married N.B. Lucas  
1853. Children Milo, born 1854; Georgette, born  
1859, died young; Lincoln Lucas, born 1864, died  
1881. Died in Denver, U.S.A., 1871

Meribeth Parks (8) born Dec. 11, 1834. Died Sept. 23, 1835

John Franklin Parks (8) born July 27, 1836

Alzona F. Parks (8) born May 18, 1838. Died Apr. 9, 1839

James Cyrenus Parks (8) born Feb. 24, 1840

Albert Cicero Parks (8) born Oct. 16, 1853

Charles Benjamin Parks (8) born Jan. 4, 1856



Phoebe Jane Tice -

Married Albert C. Parks

John Tice was a Loyalist - settled near Picton - died 1844.

His wife's name was Elizabeth and she died 1846. Their son was named Jacob Tice, who married Sarah Yerex. William Yerex was one of the first settlers at Yerexville. He had five sons, - John, George, Jacob, Rynard and David.

Sarah Yerex was the daughter of Jacob Yerex.

Their Issue, -

Euretta O. Tice, born Rednersville May 1st, 1853

Married A.E. Phillips Mar. 24, 1897

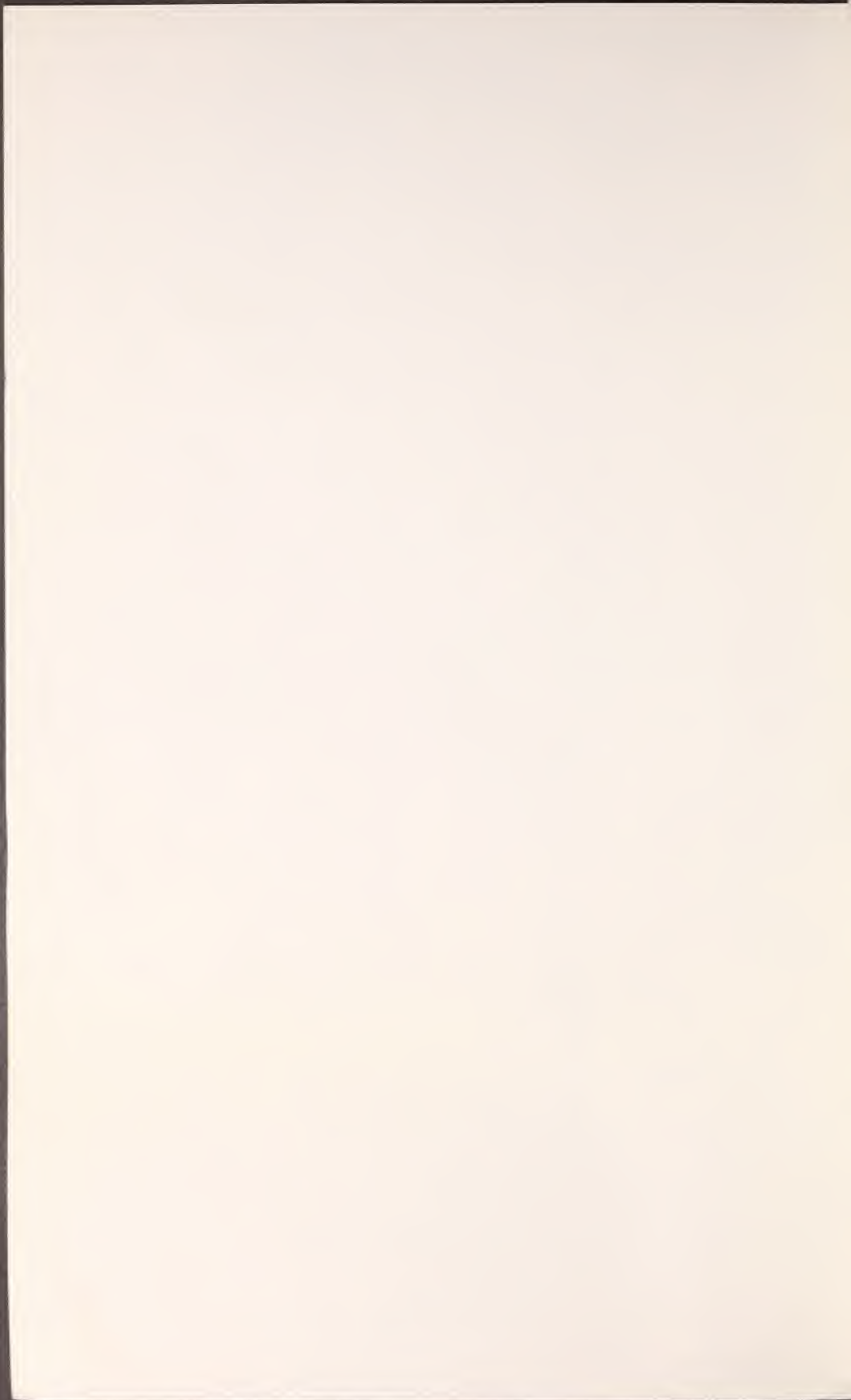
Phoebe Jane Tice, born Rednersville May 31, 1855

Married Albert C. Parks of Fredericksburgh

Jan. 29, 1875

Their Issue, - Leonard Tice Parks

Jennie Parks, as she was generally called, was educated at Albert College and it was there she first met my father. She was a great Church (Methodist) worker in all branches. She helped organize the Womans Missionary Society in the Bay Circuit and for many years held office in the Society. Superintendent of the Sunday School for a decade, and was a member of the choir most of her life. Though her hearing became impaired in later life she never lost interest in the Church. Outside her church work she was an avid reader and her education enabled her to get the best out of good literature. As a mother I can't extol her too much, for she was everything a mother should be and more. I miss her patience, understanding and love. She died Sept. 5, 1950, after 95 years of a useful life.





Bethsheba Rose Lazier -

Married Milo Parks

Jacobus R. Lazier born in France 1708, married English woman named Maria -- Died at Yonkers, New York 1792.

His son Nicholas Jacobus Lazier born at Yonkers, N.Y. 1739, married Charity Conklin 1771. Arrived in Canada Nov. 6, 1791, Prince Edward County. His oldest son James Lazier born Aug. 17, 1776, near Tappin, N.H., married to Meribeth Dorland (who was born in Dutchess County, New York State, May 18, 1781) on February 18, 1799 by Squire Vanalstine. Died April 18, 1851.

Bathsheba Rose Lazier born Apr. 18, 1816, was one of his eleven children, and my grandmother. She was a small mite of a woman who never really grew old. She always laughed with people and never at them, and when she laughed, which was often, her eyes (one brown and one blue) just danced. She always had a good valid excuse for any one who went a bit wrong. Also a great reader and used to read to me for hours. Under her black lace cap her pleasant face, on which time had left few marks, made a real picture. She could make sweet cider, applesauce and fried cake better than anyone I ever knew, and Grandfather and I kept her pretty busy at just that.



Robert Parke was born in England in 1580. He came to America employed by John Winthrop as his secretary. They sailed from Cowes, Isle of Wight, in the ship "Arabella" on March 29, 1630, and landed in Boston, Mass., on June 17, 1630. He lived in Wethersfield, New London and Roxbury, Mass., and finally Mystic, Conn., where he died in 1664. He was a fairly prominent man, holding a number of high offices in the colony. His three sons, William, Thomas and Samuel also came. William settled in Roxbury and had a number of children, but none of his sons grew to manhood. Thomas and Samuel settled in South Eastern Connecticut. The majority of their descendants resided there for nearly one hundred and fifty years and then many of them emigrated to Western Massachusetts, Vermont and New York, and from these states have emigrated to nearly every state in the Union.

Descendants of Robert Parke have in many cases through various causes changed the family name to Park, Parkes and Parks. Many to-day who spell their names as stated and whose grandfathers spelled it the same way do not know that their original ancestor was Robert Parke.

Thomas Parke (2) (Son of Robert) born in England in 1615 came to America with his father and died at Preston, Conn., in 1709. His second son was Robert Parke (3), born in 1651, and died in 1731 at Preston, Conn. Robert Parke's (3) first son was James Parke (4), born at Preston, Conn., in 1685, and died at Preston, Conn., in 1726. His third son was Nathan Parke (5), born at Preston in 1722, and died at Canan, New York, in 1811.

Nathan Parke was baptized at Preston, Conn., married there and moved to the north-west corner of Connecticut near the state lines of Massachusetts and New York. He had five sons grown to manhood, namely,- James, Oliver, Robert, Squier and Cyrenus. Oliver, Robert and Squier fought in the revolution on the side of the Colonies, while Cyrenus and James espoused the British cause and had to leave. Nathan Parke's will, made August 24, 1793, and recorded in Hudson, N.Y., January 17, 1811, mentions all the above children, showing that they were all living at the time the will was made and that he still had a warm spot in his heart for the son who had gone to Canada. The will stated that Nathan was a yeoman and lived at

Gift of  
Mrs. McGilvray





Canaan, N.Y., and his wife's name was Sarah. Cyrenus (6) Parke mentioned above was born in Preston in 1753, and joined the King's Rangers in 1780 at Albany, N.Y., and having served three years was given an honorable discharge when that regiment was disbanded by King George December 24, 1783. He emigrated with the United Empire Loyalists to Upper Canada and settled on the North Shore of Hay Bay at the narrowest part (1300 feet) in what is now the Township of North Fredericksburgh, County of Lennox, in 1784. Whether James, his brother, who had been with him in the King's Rangers, came along with him I am unable to say, as in all the old papers and documents I have, with the exception of two, there is no mention of James Parke. However, I have two old letters which seem to prove that he did come and I quote them in full. One is addressed to:

James Parks

At or near the Bay of Quintia

Elizabeth Town Canan

May 3 - 1800

"Respected father -

Having the opportunity offered I cheerfully take pen in hand to inform you of my health and situation as I am situated in this (word folded out). I thought it my duty to enquire after you and my brother's family. My sisters are both married, Hannah to Amos Osborn, Lavina to Justice Buck. They were both well when I left there. Hannah has 2 children, Lavina 1. I wish you would write to us by the first opportunity as I am desirous to hear from you all when convenient and conclude with wishing you every degree of happiness in this life and in the life to come and remain your affectionate son & daughter.

"Joel and Eunice Osborne"

P.S. Please remember me to Uncle Serene Parks was with you the last account I had of him."

The other is as follows:

Cyrenus Parke

Kingston Bay of Fredericksburgh

Pompay July 9 - 1805

Dear & Loving Son -

I once more have an opportunity to send you



a few lines wishing they may find you and your family well as through the goodness of God they leave me at present. Your two youngest sisters and their families are well for anything I know of. Clarinda and Cornelia were here last winter and made us a visit and I have not heard from her since. As for Hannah she is in a very poor state of health. She was taken the better part of last summer with the Cramp in her back and hips which was about the time that their family moved out to the westward. She was not able to move herself till Winter, when she got a little better. Her husband has been back this summer and tells me she has been much worse since she moved so that the cramp has drawn one of her hips out of joint and never expects she will be well again. I have no further particulars to write but that. I sent you two letters, one the winter before last and the other last winter and have had none from you. You will give my love and respects to your brother and his family and do embrace the first opportunity to write me a letter. I hear of you once and a while but it does not give that satisfaction as it would to have a letter so I must conclude with subscribing myself.

Your ever dear Mother

"Sarah Parke"

P.S. I must again remind you to remember me to your Brother James and family"

From the papers and documents I have in my possession and from what my Grandfather (Milo - youngest son of Cyrenus) has told me I am able to give a very accurate picture of Cyrenus Parke and his times. Grandfather stated that he first came to Hay Bay in winter time with a team in company with one named Boomhour. The layout of Hay Bay seemed to suit him so he went back and brought his family, or part of it. He built a log house on a raise of ground overlooking the bay, and I've previously said, at the narrowest part which was about midway between the mouth of the bay where it joins the Bay of Quinte at the West and the end of the Bay at the East. A large man, standing well above 6 feet, and of good education for that period as his writing and signature show. That he was an orderly and meticulous man his papers attest, for he saved all receipts and copies of





agreements, etc.,etc. Paper was scarce in those days, and often an agreement or even a deed of land would have some notation on the back which had no relation whatever to what was on the other side.

There was more or less land speculation in the early days and many 200-acre tracts of lands changed hands. Most of the settlers had certificates or Location Tickets entitling them to certain numbered lots, and a lot which bordered on the water was much more valuable than one that was inland. It was much easier to travel and move produce on the water than it was over the poor roads which at best were mostly Indian Trails. And the lot which had a running stream with a water fall from which some power could be derived was more valuable still. So these early settlers bought and sold and traded, and from papers and documents, receipts, etc.,etc. it would seem that Cyrenus took a major part in this and had a working capital derived from The Loyalists Compensation, as this letter is evident, and which was quite a sum of money for those days when every shilling counted

Mr. Cyrenius Parke

Fredericksburgh

London, 5 August 1789

"Sir

In Consequence of your Power of Attorney, transmitted to us last Year, through the Hands of our mutual Friends, Messrs. Todd & McGill of Montreal, we received from the Commissioners of American Claims a Compensation Certificate in your Name, for the Sum of £.84 " " " and the Exchequer Orders, agreeable to Act of Parliament, being now in Course of Delivery. We are enabled to render herewith an Account of the Receipt & Sale of your's; the Balance due to you being £.81.14.6 we place to Credit of our said Friends, according to Order, and they will account with you for the same.

We are,

Your very obedient Servants,

Phyn Ellices & Inglis



Grandfather said "He was always on the go, far and near, on some deal or other and at the same time keeping the folks at home real busy". I have two very large leather wallets in which grandfather stated he used to carry his papers in the saddle bags, for he travelled around on horseback. In the year 1774 he was appointed a Lieutenant of the Militia as per copy attached:

By HAZELTON SPENCER, Esquire, constituted and appointed by Commission from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, Lieutenant of the County of Lenox.

TO SCYRENIUS PARKS Gentleman --

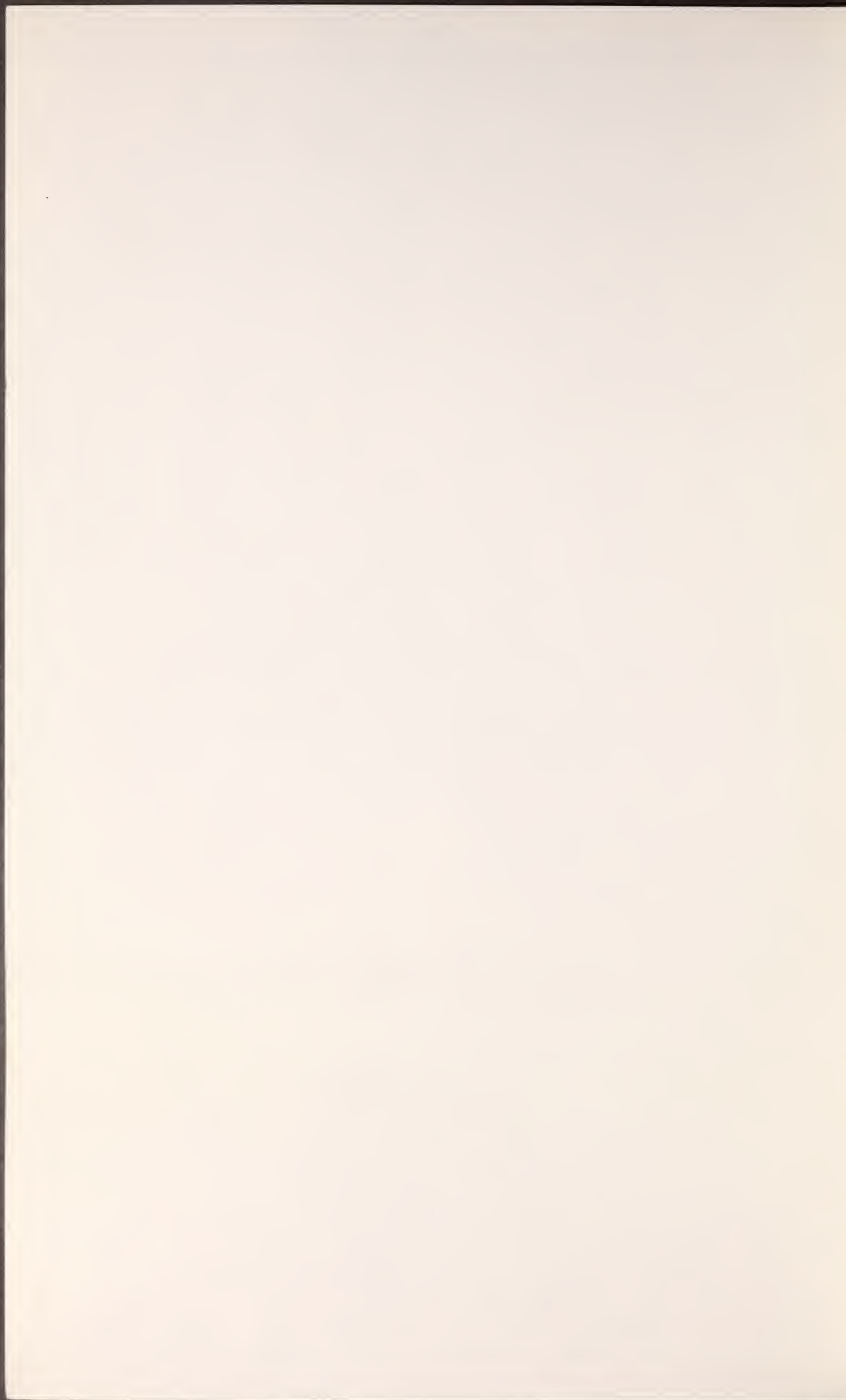
BY VIRTUE and in Pursuance of an act of the Legislature of the Province of Upper Canada entitled an Act for the better Regulation of the Militia of the Province, I, HAZELTON SPENCER, Esq., &c. &c. &c. have nominated and constituted, appointed and given commission and by these presence do Nominate and Constitute, Appoint and give Commission to you the said Scyrenius Parks, Gentleman, to be a Lieutenant of the Militia Forces raised or to be raised for and within the said County of Lenox, your name having been by me certified to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and he not having signified his Disapprobation of you within two months after such Certificate so laid before His Excellency, and you are hereby required to Train and Discipline the Persons to be Armed and Arrayed by Virtue of the said Act and in all things to conform yourself to the Duty of a Lieutenant in the Militia Forces raised or to be raised for and within the said County according to the Rules, Articles and Directions of the said Act.

GIVEN under my hand and sealed at  
Fredericksburgh this Third day of July  
and in the Fourth year of the Reign of  
Our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the  
Grace of God of Great Britain, France and  
Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc.  
and in the year of Our Lord One Thousand  
Seven Hundred and Ninty Four.

"BYRON CRAWFORD"  
Sec'y

"H. SPENCER" Lieut. of  
the County of Lenox

S E A L





NOTE:

Hazelton Spencer came to this county in 1784, and for some time was Lieutenant of the Lenox Militia. Later appointed Major of Royal Canadian Volunteers, and from 1797 to 1803 was Commandant of Garrison at Kingston living in Government House in that town. Was a member of First Legislature and represented the district from Napanee as far west as Cobourgh. He died in 1813.

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Later in 1809 he was appointed By Francis Gore Lieutenant Governor of Province of Upper Canada, a Lieutenant of a company in the First Regiment of the County of Lenox, as follows:

C R E S T

S E A L

BY HIS EXCELLENCY FRANCIS GORE,

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF

UPPER CANADA, &c. &c. &c.

TO Cyrenius Parke

GREETING:

BY Virtue of the Power, and Authority, to me given, in, and by a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the forty-eighth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into one Act of Parliament, the several Laws now in being, for the raising and training the Militia of this Province." I the said Lieutenant Governor, reposing an especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage, Conduct and Constant Readiness to do effectual Service for the Defence of this Province---By these Presents, do Constitute, Appoint, and Commission You the said Cyrenius Parke----- to be a Lieutenant of a Company in the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Lenox and in the District of Midland District--- Commanded by Colonel Hazelton Spencer -----And you are hereby required to Train and Discipline the Persons of the said Militia Forces, and in all things carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of a Lieutenant -----of the same, according to the Rules, Orders and Directions of the said Act of Parliament of the said Province, in that behalf, made and Provided.-----You are there-



fore-----duly to  
exercise as well the Officers as the Soldiers in Arms,  
and to use your best endeavors to keep them in Good  
Order and Discipline, and also to observe and obey,  
such Orders and Directions from time to time as you  
shall receive from your Colonel, or any other your  
Superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline  
of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in You.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms at  
York in Upper Canada this Second day of  
January in the year of our Lord 1809  
and in the Forty Ninth year of His  
Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command, "FRANCIS GORE"  
"WM. HATTON" L. Governor.  
Secretary.

TO Cyrenius Parke

Lieutenant in the First Regiment of Lenox Militia.

And finally in 1812 he was appointed Captain by Isaac Brock, as follows:

SEAL I S A A C B R O C K, Esquire,  
President, administering the Government of the Province  
of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding his  
Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

TO Cyrenius Park, Esquire-----GREETING.

Reposing especial Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage  
and good Conduct, I do hereby appoint you to be Captain  
C R E S T in the First Regiment of Lenox Militia---during pleasure,  
and of which Hazelton Spencer Esq. is Colonel----you are  
therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty  
of Captain by exercising, and well discipling both the  
inferior Officers and Men of the said Militia. And I do  
hereby Command them to obey you as their Captain. And you  
are to observe and follow all such Orders and Directions as





you shall from time to time receive from me or any other  
your superior Officer, according to Law.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms at  
York this Twentyfirst day of February in  
the year of Our Lord one thousand eight  
Hundred and twelve and in the Fiftysecond  
year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Honor's Command,

"ISAAC BROCK"  
President.

"JAMES

Regarding the war of 1812 I have some old Orders and papers  
worthy of note, copies of which are here reproduced:

(1) Sir,-

You are hereby commanded to hold the members of  
your Company under your command to be in readiness on  
the shortest notice, expecting that particular attention  
will be paid to this order, and the men of your Company  
be apprised of the same.

General Orders at York dated the 26th day  
of June 1812

By Commandant Col'n. H. Spencer

Commanding the 1st Regt. of L.M.

Fredericksburgh  
29 June 1812  
Capt. C. Parks

"BENJ. SPENCER"  
Acting Adjt.

(2) Sir,-

You will furnish the Detachment of the 1st Regt.  
of Lennox Militia stationed at the Stone Windmill at  
this place with Ten Young Active men on or before Ten  
o'clock in the morning on Tuesday next furnished with  
a blanket each man.

GIVEN under my hand at Fredericksburgh  
5th July 1812

Capt. C. Park  
1st Regt. L.M.

"H. SPENCER" Commanding  
1st Regt. Lenox Militia



Bath 24th June 1820

"Sir-

It has been finally decided that the election is to be held at the Court House at Adolphustown and I think it no more than fair that the ferry over your Bay should be kept open and free to the people. If therefore you will pass all and every person desirous of going to the election I will be answerable to you for the expenses. The other candidate will perhaps share with me. I should be happy to have the support of you and your friends.

I am Sir

Your Obt. Servant

TO Capt. C. Parks

"D.Hagerman"

(NOTE:- Daniel Hagerman won the election but died before the House assembled and his brother Christopher who had been elected for electoral district of Frontenac at the same time took his seat.)

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Napanee Mills Sept.27,1822

"Mr.Parks-

I will be accountable to you for the Ferrying over Mr.Whaplate.

"Richard Lowe"

-----  
May 15, 1823

"Captain Parks-

Please to ferry the bearer Mr.Whaplate over the Bay and give him a good Ducking and I will pay you.

"R. Lowe"

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In the year 1816 he went in partnership with Abraham Prindle to build and operate a saw mill under the following Agreement--

Agreement between Cyrene Parke and Abraham Prindle.

The said Abraham Prindle for his part doth hereby agree to put a sawmill with one saw and compleet all the woden work fit to run on the pri cees of the said Cyrenus Parke and agrees to furnish all irnes to complete the said sawmill, the one half of the profits arising from the said sawmill to be the said Prindles and the other half the said Parks during the time that it shall stand -- each to go equal shares in the repair during the time it runs -- the irnes to remain the property of the said Parke and the said Parks agrees to let the said Prindle cut the timber for the frame on his land

In witness whereof we have set our hands this 17 Sept 1816

in presence of

"Abraham Prindle"

"Seneca Priden"

"Cyrenus Parke"

"Elias Parks"





UPPER CANADA, )  
Midland District, )  
SURROGATE COURT, )  
TO IT )

GEORGE the Fourth by the Grace of GOD, of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,  
KING, Defender of the Faith.

To all whom these Presents may concern--GREETING.

S E A L

"WHEREAS by an Act of the Legislature of the Province  
of Upper Canada, Passed in the thirty third year of  
the Reign of his late Majesty King GEORGE the THIRD,  
entitled, "An Act to establish a Court of Probate in  
this Province, and also a Surrogate Court in every  
District thereof," it is enacted that when application  
ismade for Letters of Administration of the goods,  
chattels and credits of any person dying intestate,  
by any person or persons not entitled to the same,

as next of kin to the intestate, the Judge of the Court of Probate or the  
Surrogate, to whom such application shall be made, shall, before the granting  
of the Administration, issue a citation to the next of kin to the intestate,  
summoning him or her to appear and shew cause, if any they have, why the  
administration should not be granted to the person or persons so applying,  
which citation shall be served upon the next of kin to the intestate, residing  
within this Province, and if the next of kin, nor any person of the kindred  
of the intestate shall happen to reside in this Province, then a copy of such  
citation shall be published in the Upper Canada Gazette, once in every month  
during the space of eight months before the return thereof. Provided always,  
that in case the person next of kin usually residing with this Province and  
regularly entitled to administer, should happen to be absent from the Province,  
it shall and may be lawful for the Judge of Probate, or Surrogate, within the  
limits of his District, to grant a temporary administration to the next of kin  
to the intestate who shall be in the Province, during a limited time, or to  
be revoked upon the return and application of such nearest of kin as aforesaid  
and for that purpose to take sufficient Bonds from the party to whom such  
temporary administration shall have been granted, for the surrender of such  
letters of administration, and to account for the same in manner herein after  
to be mentioned. And whereas application has been made to our Surrogate  
Court for the Midland District, by David Parke of the Township of Fredericks-  
burgh in the Said District, Yeoman, -----

stating that Cyrenius Parke---- late of the Township of Fredericksburgh in  
the Midland District died leaving a will, in which he appointed, Elizabeth  
Parke, widow, of the said Cyranus Parke, Sole Executrix of the said will,  
but that the said Elizabeth Parke having by a certain writing under her hand  
refused and renounced the administration thereof, and requested that the  
said David Parke, son of the said Cyrenius Parke, be authorized to administer  
on the said Estate, with the will annexed.

Therefore the said David Parke-----prays  
the Surrogate Court to grant him letters of administration of all and sing-  
ular the goods, chattels and credits of the said Cyrenius Parke---deceased.

The Court having taken the same into consideration, direct that Letters of  
Administration be granted to him the said David Parke.

NOW KNOW YE all whom these presents may in any wise concern, that the said  
David Parke-----, having duly entered into Bonds, as in and by the said  
in part recited Act is prescribed for the true and faithful performance of  
good administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of  
the said Cyrenius Parke-----deceased. We have given and granted, and  
hereby do, by these presents, give and grant unto the said David Parke full  
power and lawful authority to do, execute and make full administration of  
all and singular the goods, chattels and credits which were of the said  
Cyrenius Parke-----deceased, within the Midland District, at the time of his  
decease.

AND WE do hereby give and grant unto the said David Parke full  
power and lawful authority in the management of all and singular the goods,  
chattels and credits of the said Cyrenius Parke in the Midland District, at  
the time of his death, being duly appointed Administrator of the same, in the  
full and ample manner that he may or can be entitled to according to Law.

WITNESS Alexander Fisher Esquire, Judge of our Surrogate Court  
of the Midland District, in the Province of Upper Canada, the first day of  
November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty eight.

"ISAAC FRASER" Reg'r.  
Mid.Dis.Sur.Court.

"ALEX FISHER"  
Surrogate



John Franklin Parks (8) born July 27, 1836, at Hay Bay on old Homestead. Married Amelia Jane Outwater Jan. 28, 1862 by Rev. H. Williams. Was a man of his word, quiet and friendly. Elder in Methodist Church and in politics a staunch Conservative. Was a farmer all his life. Died 1908

His children,-

Edith May Parks (9) Born Aug. 12, 1865, Died May 28, 1934  
Newton Egbert Parks (9) born Apr. 7, 1863. Died Sept 20, 1945  
Theressa Maud Parks (9) Born Dec. 17, 1867. Died June 25, 1892  
Dora Elizabeth Parks (9) born July 28, 1870.  
Helen Ophelia Parks (9) Born Apr 12, 1877.







Neston Egbert Parks (9), born Apr. 8, 1863 - died Sept. 29, 1943

Operated same farm on which his father lived before him. Managed a large apiary and produced honey and honey products in large quantities. In politics Conservative - Religion Methodist. Married Lillie May Wagar (born Dec. 12, 1874) on June 22, 1893. Died January 10, 1954.

Their Issue, -

Minnie Amelia Parks (10), born Sept. 5, 1895 and married Richard Bruce Harrison June 22, 1927.

No Issue.

Franklin James Parks (10), born May 24, 1896. Married Georgenia Wickett Sills (born Nov. 8, 1798) on Sept. 8, 1921.

Their Issue, -

James Franklin Parks (11), born Sept. 2, 1925. Married Mary Adelia Long (born Feb. 18, 1929) March 22, 1950.

Their Issue, -

Kathryn Georgenia Parks (12) born Sept. 28, 1950.

Robert James Parks (13), born Dec. 20, 1952.

(NOTE): - Franklin James Parks (10) and James Franklin Parks (11) have increased the acreage of the original farm by purchase of adjoining sections until they now own 252 acres. As a working partnership they specialize on Dairy, Farm and Poultry products. They also operate a Market Garden Business and are among the largest growers of Tomatoes and other products for the several processing plants in the district. In politics both are Conservative and in religion Methodist.



ALBERT CICERO PARKS (8) born at Hay Bay October 16, 1853.  
Educated Albert College and Belleville Business College. Married  
Phoebe Jane Tice of Rednersville, Prince Edward County, Jan.29,1879.  
Was at one time one of the largest growers of apples in Eastern Ontario,  
expoting them to England. Was a representative in Township Council for  
several terms and was commissioner 1900-1905. President and Director  
of Lennox and Addington Insurance Company for many years. Vice-president  
of the Conservative Association. In politics he was a Conservative and  
in religion a Methodist. Died Oct.13,1940. His wife survived him and  
died Sept.5,1950.

Child,-

Leonard Tice Parks (9) born Feb.9, 1881

died -





James Cyrenius Parks (8) born at Hay Bay Feb.24,1840 -  
Married Mary Gibson Feb. 4, 1861. After living on Hay Bay for some  
time he moved to the town of Napanee where he kept a general store for  
some time. He finally emigrated to Kansas City, Mo., and held a  
position in the Kansas City Post until shortly before his death. He  
was at one time the oldest postal employee in the U.S.A.

Their Children,-

Carrie R. Parks (9) born June 12, 1862

Married R.T.Sloan, M.D., May 25, 1881,  
by Rev. B.J.Fuller.

Hattie Parks (9) born Aug.24, 1863

Married S.S.Kirby (Harvard) Real Estate Lawyer  
of Kansas City, Kansas.



John Roblin and his wife Elizabeth Moore were among the original U.E. Royalists who came to Adolphustown from New Jersey bringing with them their son--

Owen P. Roblin, born 1774 - married Mary Delmage, born 1780

Their issue,-

George Roblin, born 1806 - married Sarah Bryant, born Mar. 5, 1807

Their issue,-

John Roblin, born 1832 - married Harriet Elliot, born Sept. 19, 1832

Their issue,-

George Elliot Roblin, born Sept. 13, 1856 - married Arvilla Stafford

Their issue,-

Florence Roblin, born 1881, April 20th. Died June 7, 1941.  
Married Leonard T. Parks Feb. 19, 1902 *Died*

Emma Florence Georgenia Roblin only child of George and Arvilla Roblin was educated at Belleville High School, Ontario Ladies College and Albert College, and held some musical diplomas as well. Ever since Widow Elizabeth Roblin, great, great, great grandmother of Florence, donated 12 Pounds toward the building of the First Methodist Church in Upper Canada on the shore of Hay Bay the Roblins have all been church workers, and Florence, no exception, carried on the family tradition. Active in Church and Sunday School in Ameliasburgh where she was born, she continued her activities when she married and came to Hay Bay. She was a wonderful wife, a wonderful mother, but the pity of it was that her life was far too short as she died June 7, 1941.





CHARLES BENJAMIN PARKS (8) was born at Hay Bay January 4, 1856.  
Educated Ontario Business College, Belleville. Married Annie Lee,  
Dorland Jan. 14, 1887. Lived nearly all his life on one of the original  
granted Parks farms. He built and operated a grain ~~warehous~~  
warehouse on North side of Hay Bay. In politics was a Conservative  
and in religion Methodist. Lodge - Masonic. Died Sept. 2, 1931.  
His wife survived him and died Oct. 10, 1941.

Their children,-

Eleanor Grace Parks (9) born Sept. 17, 1888 Died

Zella Lee Parks (9) born Oct. 14, 1891 , Died Nov. 21, 1969



"Sir-

You will without loss of time make a return to me of the complete strength of your Company under your Command and after deducting the Volunteers already in the flank companies in order to enable me to order a draft from the different companies in proportion to their numbers, stating the number of Arms and their construction whether English, French or any others."

"H.SPENCER, commanding

TO Capt. C. Parke  
L.Militia  
Fredericksburgh"

L. Militia  
6th July 1812 "

In answer to the preceding I find

Return of Strength of my Company  
Lenox Militia July 7 - 1812.

|                 | <u>Age</u> |                   | <u>Age</u> |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Baltes Shewman  | 38         | George Murdoff    | 55         |
| Peter Barnhart  | 20         | Robert Nicholson  | 21         |
| Barsard Forshee | 40         | Peter Parke       | 17         |
| Henry Barth     | 22         | James Parke       | 17         |
| Samuel Barnhart | 22         | Nathanial Parke   | 20         |
| John Barnhart   | 18         | William Parke     | 21         |
| Peter McCabe    | 30         | Cyrenus Parke     | 19         |
| Henry McCabe    | 21         | John Parke        | 21         |
| Henry St.Claire | 43         | Arch Parke        | 27         |
| Ase Ayrhart     | 23         | Jacob Post        | 32         |
| Abraham Fry     | 25         | Bynard Post       | 26         |
| John Forshee    | 23         | Peter Quackenbush | 25         |
| James Forshee   | 55         | Isaac Post        | 29         |
| Jacob Huffman   | 50         | Politar Morgan    | 26         |
| John Jaynes Jr. | 16         | William Ayrhart   | 19         |
| Peter Lindaay   | 50         | Samuel Ayrhart    | 21         |

Ordered to Windmill 10

Note: There seems to be others outside the above and are  
not named





AND IN 1813 --

"Sir-

You are commanded to see that four effective men, viz, from the age of eighteen to forty five from your company of L. Militia do assemble at Mrs. Susan Finkle's in Fredericksburgh for the purpose of repairing to Kingston immediately.

By Order of Col. Cartwright  
and Major Crawford

11 March 1813

TO Capt. C. Parks ) N.B. The men are to assemble at Mrs. Finkle's  
L.M. ) to-morrow precisely at twelve o'clock  
with two days' provisions and a change  
of underclothing and Great Coat or Blanket.

"M. Hagerman Capt.

L. Militia"

NAMES OF MEN DOING DUTY IN KINGSTON

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Capt. C. Parke     | Henry Bertly       |
| Ensign J. Bensen   | Abram Fry          |
| Sergt. P. Barnhart | Peter Quackenbush  |
| Robert Nicolson    | William Parke      |
| John Parke         | James Parke        |
| Henry McCabe       | Peter McCabe       |
| James Forshee      | Jacob Quackenbush  |
| Jacob Huffman      | Archibald Campbell |

John Forshee

15 October 1813

That Cyrenius was a progressive man I have no doubt. Outside his interests as a military man, the erection of houses and barns and his real estate business, and he built and operated the first ferry on Hay Bay from his place across as evidenced by the following orders for transportation --

"Good to Mr. Parks for fifteen pence for Mr. Brown's ferriage  
Note - An officer in the militia 7th September 1802  
and later in 1816 1st Post- J. McNabb"  
Master in Belleville Town.





